

UNABLE TO PLAY IN BALL GAME, HE KILLED HIMSELF

Friends Did Not Take Threat Seriously, but J. T. Queensberry Was Found Dying Yesterday.

Because friends refused to allow him to play with them in a match game of baseball on Saturday afternoon, John Thomas Queensberry, Manchester, walked off the field with the remark that as nobody seemed to care for him he would commit suicide. Little attention was paid to the threat at the time, but early yesterday morning the man was found in an alley with a short time afterward from the effects of a dose of laudanum. Grief over the recent death of his mother is believed to have unbalanced his mind.

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Negro Sells House He Doesn't Own to Two People. If the charges against him be true, Harry Squire (colored), who says he hails from Portsmouth, has a get-rich scheme that is hard to beat. He was arrested yesterday on warrants charging him with defrauding Joseph E. Harris out of \$15 and Martha Harris out of \$14. According to the allegations of the two complainants he had attempted to sell them both the same house, and at that house he didn't own.

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Dr. Ennion G. Williams, the new State health commissioner, has outlined the preliminary work of the board with such care that the department will be in position to become immediately effective. In no way, however, does the board supercede or interfere with county or city health organizations, the function of the State body being to supply facilities which it would be impossible for localities to maintain individually, to educate the people generally in health matters and to give advice in case of epidemic.

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State Health Department Begins Work This Week



Above-Left, Dr. Allen W. Freeman, Medical Inspector. Above-Right, rented offices, No. 1110 Capitol Street, opposite Capitol Square. Below-Right, Dr. Ennion G. Williams, State Health Commissioner. Below-Left, Dr. Meade Ferguson, Bacteriologist.

DEATH SPARED HIM, BUT POLICE ARE WAITING WITH WARRANT

Man Charged With Robbing Store He Had Just Sold Tried to Commit Suicide. After having vainly awaited death from a self-inflicted wound and dreaded recovery because it meant arrest and possibly prison, E. E. Hight, of Henderson, N. C., is in St. Luke's Hospital rapidly improving, and to-day, or within a few days at the latest, will be served with a warrant charging him with the burglary of A. W. Gholson's store in the North Carolina town, and the theft of \$1,500 worth of jewelry. Though he undoubtedly realizes what faces him when he leaves the hospital, Hight is at present unaware of the arrest that will be made at once. He has been here two weeks, having been brought to Richmond by Dr. Allen, of Henderson, one week after he had attempted to commit suicide.

ACCIDENTAL SHOT BETRAYED THEF

Long Chase Half-Way Across Continent Ends With Arrest of Alleged Burglar. Chased half-way across the continent, William Jones, of Jonesboro, Ill., was recognized by the Norfolk police after he had been guarded carefully by the police. He was held for Sheriff George H. Huggins, of Jonesboro, who had been pursuing him night and day on a charge of burglary and larceny of eight suits of clothes, representing an outlay of \$400. The alleged burglary was committed in Jonesboro six weeks ago, and Jones immediately decamped. He went to Kansas City, Mo., and there enlisted in the army. He was assigned to the Portsmouth navy yard, and was immediately transferred. The pursuing sheriff learned of the enlistment, and telegraphed the Norfolk authorities to be on the lookout for the young man. Accidentally Shot Himself. Jones's downfall came through his own carelessness. He carried a .38-caliber revolver in his pocket, and it was this weapon which betrayed him. He was shot in the back of the head, and the bullet went into his hip. He was taken to the Naval Hospital, where he was recognized by the police. He was held for Sheriff George H. Huggins, of Jonesboro, who had been pursuing him night and day on a charge of burglary and larceny of eight suits of clothes, representing an outlay of \$400.

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SUN NEARLY DARK, BUT WORLD KEPT SPINNING AROUND

Strange Sights in Sky Did Not Even Excite Dogs and Chickens—Many People Saw Eclipse. Passing between Old Sol and this minor planet among the stars, the moon for a little over two hours yesterday morning cast a foreboding and portentous shadow over the earth, leaving only a crescent sun to astonish the eyes of the ignorant and superstitious. It was but an annular eclipse of the sun, which occurs at varying intervals in the cycle of time, and which is very easily explained.

To those who saw and understood the phenomenon it was very beautiful, for that part of the sun not hidden behind the dense shadow of the earth's satellite blazed as a brilliant crescent, shooting forth trembling rays. World Still Rolled On. The show of the heavens "passed off without a hitch," like some well-regulated drama of puny man, all the visible forces of that part of the universe occupied by the earth lending themselves to the occasion.

Not a cloud obstructed the view; the air was absolutely clear, and those of an inquiring turn of mind had ample opportunity to observe what was to the ancients a trying ordeal and a terrifying mystery. Nothing unusual happened. The world rolled along on its accustomed course, and by and by the sun reappeared in all his glorious majesty, and the world went on as of old. The eclipse was soon forgotten, except by those to whom it was something more than an object of beauty and of wonder.

Many a pane of window-glass was broken to furnish pieces of smoked-glass through which to observe the interesting movement. Streets and roofs were crowded through nearly the whole time of the eclipse, observers watching it with the greatest interest. Perhaps not all were learned enough to note the difference the eclipse caused in shadows cast on the earth. An unobstructed sun casts circular shadows, being circular itself, and a crescent sun casts shadows of its own shape, as might have been observed yesterday morning beneath trees. All shadows were of the shape of the visible part of the sun, and some very striking effects were to be seen.

Light Much Dimmer. The eclipse began about 9:30 o'clock, and ended about 11:30 o'clock, reaching its maximum about 10:45 o'clock, when light was considerably dimmed, but not much more than usual. The sun was not visible, but the light was not so dark as it was. The sun was not visible, but the light was not so dark as it was. The sun was not visible, but the light was not so dark as it was.

Eclipse at Emporia. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) EMPORIA, VA., June 28.—The annular eclipse began promptly at half-past 9 o'clock this morning, and at 11 o'clock the central part of the sun's disc was obscured. A complete ring of light was observed around the sun's border, and hundreds of citizens watched the eclipse with interest. The sun was not visible, but the light was not so dark as it was. The sun was not visible, but the light was not so dark as it was.

Eclipse at Mineral. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) MINERAL VA., June 28.—There was a partial eclipse of the sun here this morning, beginning at 9:30 and lasting until 11 o'clock. At 10:30 about half of the sun appeared hidden.

Clubb'd Into Submission. Ash Leticia (white), who was arrested yesterday on a charge of being drunk and disorderly, and violently resisting Police Officer Pendleton, was taken to the station, and was held for Sheriff George H. Huggins, of Jonesboro, who had been pursuing him night and day on a charge of burglary and larceny of eight suits of clothes, representing an outlay of \$400.

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